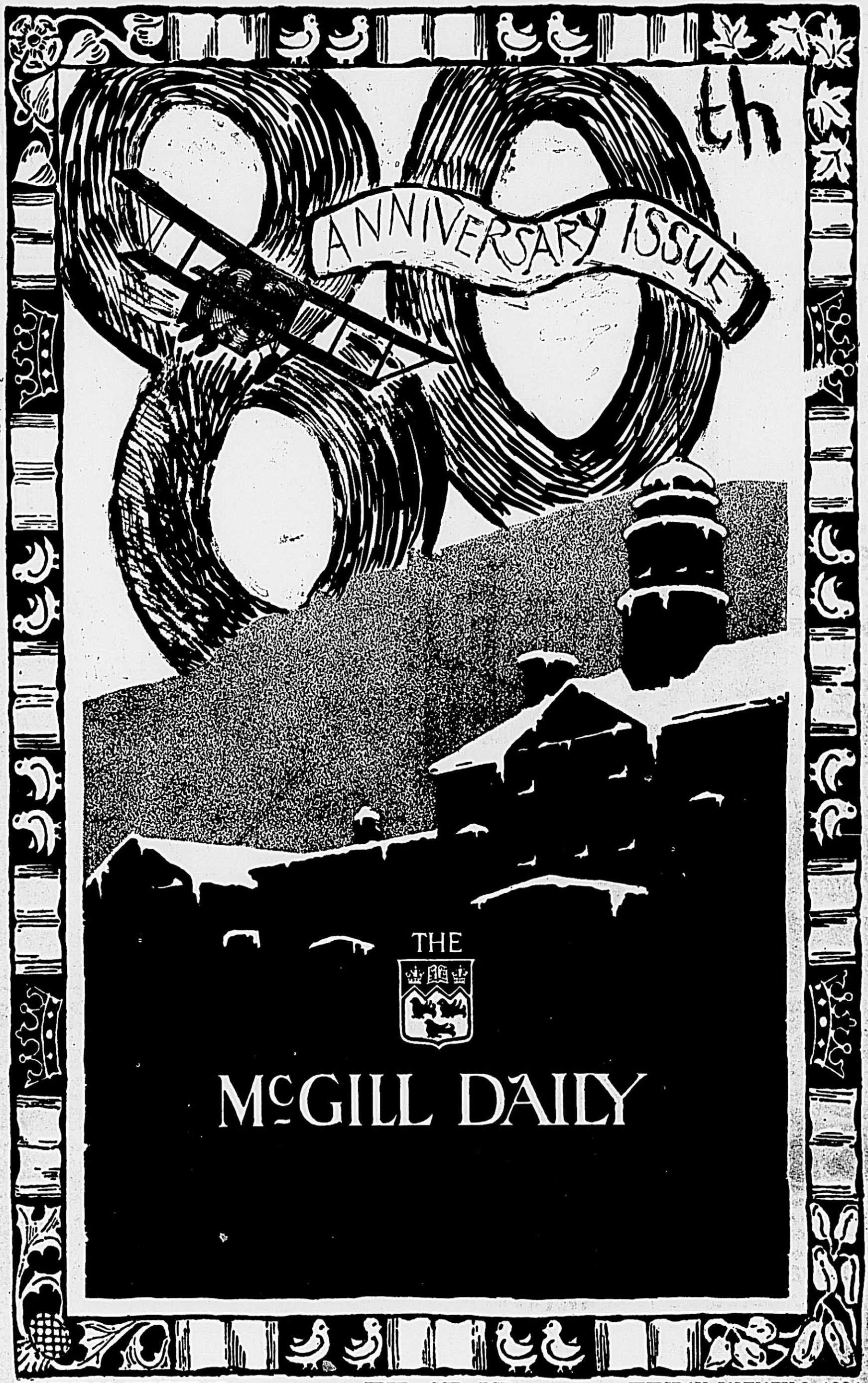


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Student co-op may get space in former rectory

by Peter Clibbon

If Montréal's Catholic Archbishop nods approval this week, Québec's first student co-operative housing may open its doors by February 1.

The co-op would occupy a portion of the rectory of Saint Charles Church in Pointe Saint Charles, a working class neighbourhood to the south of the city.

La Triangle d'Habitation Coopérative, a coalition of students from McGill, Concordia and UQAM submitted a proposal to the church last semester. The Québec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG) is helping to organize the project.

The students hope to use the success of the initial co-op to lobby financial support for a larger scale project.

"Queens University's co-ops started off small, starting with only one house. Today there are over 900 units available to students," said QPIRG-McGill Community Organizer Gary Saxe.

Members of the McGill Students' Society involved in the project have voiced the same optimism.

"The city has agreed with our proposals for a student co-operative. If we have a small project, and the managerial experience under our belts, it will be a lot easier for them to help us," said VP External Alex Usher. "If we can succeed with 20 units this year, perhaps next year we'll be able to triple that number."

Saint Charles Church Père Martineau is not worried about having the co-operative located in the rectory and expects the Archbishop to approve the proposal. Several years ago Martineau attempted to rent rooms to students but was prevented by a fire code violation that has since been corrected.

"For us, it's a perfect arrangement. We don't want a profit. As long as someone is in the building, there will be better security and upkeep," said Martineau.



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St. Charles Church and rectory: will students be early for mass?

He expects few conflicts between students and the church offices located on the first floor.

"Students will have their complete freedom in their living arrangements, as long as they don't affect activities in the church and the neighbourhood," he added.

The coalition has met with the municipal housing corporation and the North American Student Co-operative association and has planned a fact-finding tour of Ontario Student co-ops.

The large three-story greybrick rectory adjoins St Charles Church and has been both a residence for priests and offices for the international development group, Development and Peace. If approved the co-op will provide 12 large rooms initially, growing to 20 in September.

The co-op will offer several common rooms and a shared kitchen at approximately $175 per occupant, utilities included. The building is a five minute walk from Charlevoix Métro, and 15 minutes by bus to the McGill campus. Limited parking is available behind the rectory.

If approved, minor renovations to the building will begin immediately.

QPIRG-McGill's Co-operative Committee will hold a meeting today at 16:00 in their offices on the top floor of the Eaton Building.

SSMU waters down Gulf resolution



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Alex Usher, SSMU V-P external, admits Student Society's Persian Gulf resolution is weak.

by Michael S. Mastarciyan

Students' Society has taken a stance against the invasion of Kuwait by Iraqi forces, but critics say the council's resolution is weak and comes too late.

Council called for economic sanctions as a non-violent solution to the Persian Gulf crisis at its last meeting, in December.

"The resolution is wishy-washy and will be obsolete once a war has started," said Chantal Sundaram of the McGill Troops Out Coalition.

The Society's condemnation does not call for a withdrawal of western troops from the area. Rather, it opposes the numerical escalation of current forces and any unprovoked attack by Western forces.

Students' Society VP External Alex Usher said the council resolution was a compromise.

"Obviously it is weak," said Usher, "but the Troops Out motion which was proposed did not stand a chance at passing through council, so we compromised."

Usher said that council believes some military presence is necessary in the Gulf.

"Saddam should not be allowed to stay in Kuwait, his invasion was barbaric and if we get the troops out you can forget about effective sanctions," he said.

The Troops Out Coalition has called for an Arab solution to the problem. Sundaram said the U.S. wants to maintain a permanent military presence in the Gulf and is intent on staying in the region.

"If the U.S. scores a victory in the Gulf thay will have a lot more confidence and become more determined than ever to play world cop," said Sundaram who believes the U.S. is trying to regain the military clout it had before the Vietnam era.

With 950 American students currently enrolled at McGill, Usher said council may re-examine its stance if the situation worsens.

"I have already been approached by some American students who have heard rumours about a re-imposition of the draft, and if a draft is imposed or if war does break out we will take a look at the question again," he said.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and U.S. Secretary of State James Baker are scheduled to meet in Geneva tomorrow.

The Troops Out Coalition have organized a meeting in front of Complexe Guy Favreau January 13 at 13h. A larger demonstration has been tentatively scheduled for January 26 at 13h at Parc Lafontaine.

Student journalists crash the Davy Crockett Inn

by Heather Mackay

A deluge of student journalists fell to the ground in Abbottsford, B.C. last week as Canadian University Press held its fifty-third annual conference amid rain storms, hail stones, and gentle but cumulative snow flakes.

Despite the weather, delegates from across the country swapped newspaper tales and participated in CUP's week-long direct democracy fest. CUP is a co-operative held together by a progressive Statement of Principles, a million dollar national advertising company, and a gossip network more tangled than a bird's nest.

Student newspapers draw in a wide spectrum of people and politics ranging from right-wing reactionaries to wide-eyed, tie-dyed idealists. The mix gives rise to a healthy reassessment of staff democracy and what it means to be a member of a co-operative, with collectivists and Editors-in-Chief supplying very different answers.

It seems the two wings intersect at the point where the right feigns sensitivity and the left becomes caretaker of language. Right-wing delegates began to understand the finer points of political correctness.

But some good came of it. An autonomy workshop pulled together papers that have severed themselves from their student councils and papers looking to do the same. The Daily, which has been autonomous for ten years, passed on the documents and the details of its path toward editorial freedom (and fame and fortune).

A working group formed to organise a news campaign and after some dispute, the plenary chose native issues as this year's focus. The Gulf crisis came a close second.

The conference lost a lot of time debating 'process' and stumbling with the logistics of decentralizing a cross-continental co-op.

Vancouver writer Brian Fawcett came to speak on the problems of presenting radical ideas to an increasingly conservative readership. Humour interrupts logic, he said, which made abundant sense until the incoherence of the conference made us doubt the existence of logic.

To make a long story short, student journalists are among the more inarticulate and unimaginative members of our society. Yet this doesn't stop them from building national structures, pursuing executive positions, launching cross-country news campaigns, playing language police and censoring their comrades.

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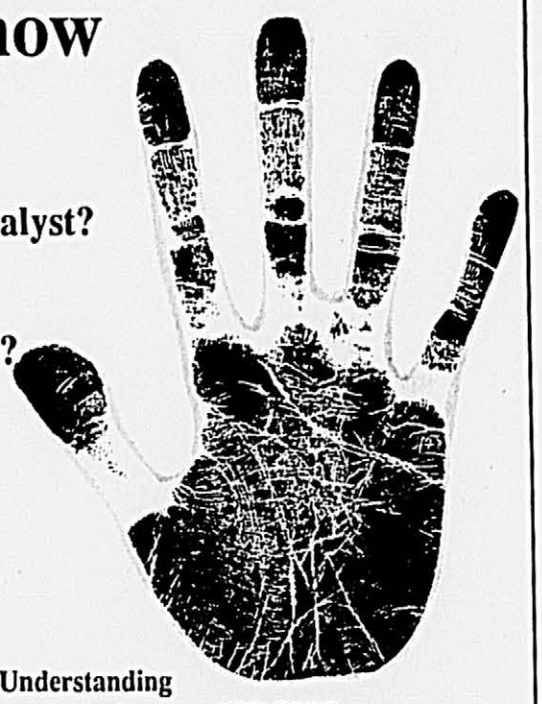
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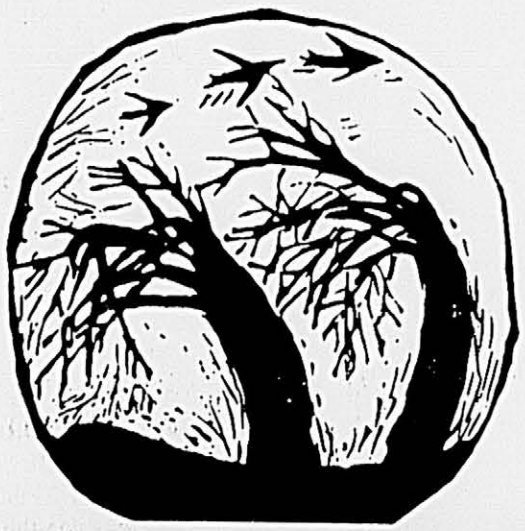
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OBITUARY

Former *Daily* editor dies of AIDS

BOSTON - Ron Doyle, a 10-year veteran of the *Middlesex News* who earned a reputation as one of the state's top media critics, died Dec. 11, 1990, after a long illness. He was 33.

He died at his home in the South End of complications related to acquired immune deficiency syndrome, according to his family.

The Canadian-born Doyle came to the *Middlesex News* in September 1981 as an editorial assistant in the Watham bureau. He quickly advanced to a job as a town reporter, and covered Hopkinton, Ashland and other communities.

Doyle learned early how to turn a word, and in his career as a newspaperman used that skill to deliver to readers everything from caustic criticism of politicians and pundits, to human interest stories and hard-edged news.

His wry, often biting expositions on the Boston media led *Boston Magazine* to name him best television critic in its annual Best & Worst awards in 1986. The magazine called him "an acerbic voice in bland TV wilderness."

Over the past few years, Doyle's Media/Politics column kept a witty and usually unforgiving watch on the media, and how the media read the politicians.

"What amazed me most, is how can you reconcile how someone who had that much energy can be struck by a disease that does that to you," said Domenic Slowey, who worked with Doyle.

"(*News* Editor Kenneth) Hartman used to call us 'words and music'. I was the words, and Ron was the music. He was always much more creative about the way he approached a story, the words that he used," Slowey said."

Doyle attended John Abbott College, Ste. Anne, Québec, and earned his bachelor of arts degree in political science and urban sociology from McGill University in Montréal in 1979. He was editor of his college newspaper, *The McGill Daily*.

He completed a master of science degree in journalism at the Boston University School of Public Communication in 1981.

He worked internships as a reporter at the *Montreal Gazette* and wrote free-lance articles for the *Fenway News* in Boston, the *North Shore News* in Montréal and the *Housing and Urban Development Challenge* in Washington.

In 1978, he earned a diploma in magazine publishing from the Center for Publishing and Graphic Design at New York University. In 1982, he and *News* colleague Adam Gaffin won a writing award from United Press International for their coverage of a murder-suicide in Framingham. Doyle also won recognition on several occasions from Harte-Hanks, the parent company of the *News*, for his reporting and writing.

Doyle is survived by family in Toronto and Montréal and by his close friend, Mark Scarlett of Boston.

—Reprinted from The News Tribune, December 12, 1990.

LETTERS

SSMU shopping list

To the Daily,

Most grads and undergrads are aware (thanks to The Daily and The Tribune) of the $24,000 information kiosk at Students' Society. However, this is only the tip of the iceberg of the lack of responsible financial accountability and competence in SSMU. The SSMU financial statements ending May 31, 1990 are interesting but scary, for example:

*Expenditure on the University Building increased by 28% between 1989 and 1990 from $300,380 (12 month period) to $384,778 (13 month period);

*Expenditure on general office and Administration increased by 30% from $342,222 to $445,185;

*Expenditure on Council Services increased by 60% (from $93,659 to $149,834);

*Over the past two years, SSMU made an average surplus of $151,758;

*SSMU has $615,629 in its Capital Expenditure Reserve Fund (enough to buy about 25 information kiosks);

*The heat, electricity and air conditioning annual expenses for the union building were $274,190 over 12 months in 1990 ($297,040 over 13 months). This was paid by McGill as it owns the building;

*Expenditure on the Legal and Audit fees increased by 23% to $47,338;

*Expenditure on elections more than doubled to $29,176 (as only about 15% of students voted, this means that each vote cost about $10 !);

*Expenditure on the Winter Carnival (have you heard of it ?) were $21,066 which represents 16% of all money spent on SSMU activities;

*Funding for functional and interest groups and special projects represented only 6.6% of total expenditure;

*Expenditure on the building operation, administration, general offices and Council represented over 82% of total expenditure ($979,797) !

Eric Darier
PhD 6, Political Science

Poor will die for the rich

To the Daily:

Re: The Price of War, editorial, November 19

Sabres are rattling. The U.N., under American arm-twisting, voted for war in the Gulf. Now, there could be war at any time. After effective occupation of Kuwait, it is now clear that Iraq does not seek further war in the region, despite unprecedented provocation in the history of aggression against it. It is clear that Iraq did not intend to invade Saudi Arabia, because it could have done so before the build-up of foreign imperialist troops and war machinery in that country. It certainly would not do so now.

But America's ultimatum – withdraw or else – shows it would certainly go to war to achieve its objectives in the region. It is now not denied that this is a war, not for Kuwait, but for American interests. Blacks, Hispanics and poor whites are going to fight a war for America's rich.

It goes without saying that Iraq's invasion and occupation of Kuwait is regrettable. The Pan Africanist Congress of Azania does not support war among brother countries. We observe that the Palestinian struggle is lost as Arab countries prepare to unleash devastation upon themselves. We encourage political solution of differences. It could take a longer time than impatience would dictate, but in the end the people would prevail. The Pan Africanist Congress of Azania believes regional South World countries should unite to withstand imperialist aggression; "Banana republics" have no chance. But Iraq's annexation is not the way: it weakens internal cohesion for resistance against imperialism.

Thus America has been able to come in to strengthen its position in the region, which had been so successfully eroded by the Palestinian struggle. American propaganda has succeeded to whip up emotion against Iraq. It succeeded against the backdrop of invasion and occupation of Grenada and Panama. Never before did hypocrisy and double standard so glaringly win the day. As president Bush goes about preaching anti-invasion morality, and that those who break this God's law must not go unpunished by the world, he holds in his prisons the president of a country which he attacked and still occupies today. Propaganda made the puppet Panamanian president, who was installed from an American army base, accepted by the world.

The lesson here is that South World countries must unite against imperialism, and seek political ways to remove puppet regimes around them. We hoped Iraq had learned a lesson in its vicious and unnecessary war with Iran – a very wasteful war whose resources could have been used to liberate the Palestinian people. Apparently Iraq did not learn much from that war, and as a result imperialism prevails.

Dan Mdlull
Pan Africanist Congress of Azania
Mission to Canada

The *Daily's* aims

To the Daily,

Alex Ng is wondering and worrying about the "political aims of the Daily's editorial board" (Nov. 29). It seems the Daily is giving too much coverage of the greatest military mobilization for profit since the second World War. As for his wondering, maybe the Daily staff just happens to be against hundreds of thousands of ordinary people dying for big business and is responsible enough to do something about it. Now there's something to lose sleep over.

Kevin Mac Neill
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Who is Alex Ng, anyway?

To the Daily,

When Alex Ng writes letters to the McGill Daily, why does he forget to identify himself as the president of the McGill NDP? If he did, we would know the real reason that he feels uncomfortable with the McGill "Troops Out" Coalition (Letter to the Daily, Nov. 29). Mr. Ng is an activist in a party which supports Canada's presence in the Persian Gulf - so log as anything we do there gets UN approval.

Should we forget, this is the same UN that took 30 years to condemn apartheid and impose voluntary sanctions on South Africa. The same UN that took four days to approve a naval blockade against Iraq, and only three months before it got impatient and decided enough's enough, send in the marines. The same UN that vetoed all discussion of Canada's role in the slaughter of 200 000 people on the island of East Timor, by the Indonesian army with its Canada-supplied weapons.

The NDP's only problem with Mulroney's Gulf policy was that he should move slower. Let sanctions take their toll, the NDP says. But what business do we have in the Gulf in the first place? Why were we busy arming Saddam Hussein until this spring, and why are we propping up other horrible regimes in the area? What kind of a social democrat are you, Mr. Ng? What kind of left - wing party supports a military operation which, as McGill professor Tom Naylor said in the pages of the Daily, is aimed at wiping Iraq off the face of the earth, in order to preserve an untenable status quo in the Third World and to destroy Iraq's independent economic might. Two hundred thousand people will die - Mr. Ng - to do that.

As far as I'm concerned, the NDP has been morally bankrupt for ages and has no new ideas. It's social vision was widely discredited in those European countries which adopted social - democratic governments in the 1970s and 80s - France, Sweden, Britain and who can forget Spain and Greece, those paragons of fascist - socialism. All of them pursued corrupt agendas based on centralization, bureaucratization, authoritarianism, militarism and corruption. Time to move on. Times are changing, even for us on The Left.

Mr. Ng. Where you've chosen to "stand" on the Gulf issue is as baffling as it is cowardly. Tell us your real agenda. Don't call McGill "Troops Out" a bunch of "well organized" (oy) Trotskyites. There's good people from the McGill Women's Union, the Daily, McGill Friends of First Nations, a Palestinian group, PGSS, an African solidarity group - as well as the International Socialists. For god's sake, this is for real.

Tony Simon
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Hitchiker's guide to the Persian Gulf crisis

When the Americans decided to rush 73 million troops off to inva... woa, *defend* Saudi Arabia, who would have thought things would get so out of hand. Now, it's virtually impossible to figure out what's going on over there without spraining something or putting out someone's eye.

Mindful of this problem, the *Daily* has compiled a wee calender of events so far in The Gulf Crisis.

by Alex Roslin

1988-9 — The United States, France, Britain and West Germany sell Iraq $7 billion in arms.

July 25, 1990 — U.S. State Department kills an editorial to be run on Voice of America criticizing Saddam Hussein for massing hundreds of thousands of troops on the Kuwaiti border.

July 26 — The U.S. ambassador to Iraq meets with Hussein and tells him the U.S. has no official position on "Arab-Arab conflicts, like your border disagreement with Kuwait."

Aug. 2 — Iraq invades Kuwait, declares it Iraq's 19th province six days later.

Aug. 8 — An influential New York Times columnist, William Safire, calls for a nuclear attack on Saddam Hussein. "Nuclear war at a time of Saddam's choosing, against a sociopath already to blame for a million deaths, is worse," he says.

Sept. 11 — 92 000 American troops face off 170 000 Iraqi troops.

Sept. 15 — Globe and Mail business columnist Martin Mittelstaedt reports widespread concerns that the economy faces severe difficulties. "We're heading for a collapse. It's going to be far, far worse than the Great Depression," Mittelstaedt quotes one economist as saying.

Sept. 16 — U.S. General Michael Dugan gets himself fired for saying the U.S. plans to launch a massive bombing attack on Baghdad. Targets would be picked on the basis of "what is unique about Iraqi culture that they put very high value on," Dugan says.

Sept. 21 — A poll says half of Americans think if the U.S. government launched a war, it would lie to them and claim the Iraqis started it.

Sept. 24 — Americans have so far participated in 200 local actions protesting U.S. policy in the Gulf. Fifty nine per cent of black Americans don't agree with Bush's Gulf policy.

Oct. 8 — Israeli police kill 18 Palestinians and wound 140 others at the Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem.

Oct. 12 — A Globe and Mail-CBC poll asks Canadians, "if nothing else works, should Canada participate in a war to force Iraq out of Kuwait?" 58 per cent of men say yes; 35 per cent of women say yes. In Québec, 36 per cent say yes. While 56 per cent of those with household incomes over $50 000 support war, only 37 per cent of those under $15 000 do.

Oct. 12 — Egypt's parliamentary speaker Rifaat el-Mahgoub is assassinated by the same Muslim fundamentalist group which killed Egyptian president Anwar Sadat in 1981. Both men sold out to the Americans, the group says. The Egyptian government rounds up an estimated 3000 opposition activists to try and quell opposition to Egypt's commitment of 16 000 troops against Iraq.

Nov. 1 — George Bush says Saddam Hussein "has surpassed Adolf Hitler in brutality."

Nov. 1 — "Canada is there because, basically, they were asked to be there and they cannot say no," an ex-U.S. army intelligence



officer says. He compares Canada's policy in the Gulf to a grandchild forced to attend a family reunion.

Nov. 2 — Amnesty International says Saudi forces have detained and tortured hundreds of Yemenis over their country's opposition to U.S. policy in the Gulf. Five hundred thousand Yemenis have been expelled from Saudi Arabia.

Nov. 5 — Profits of Canadian energy companies have more than doubled, increasing 127 per cent since fall 1989. The average Canadian company's profits fell 30 per cent in the same period.

Nov. 14 — Canadian military officials say over 1000 U.S. transport planes, fighters and tanker planes have flown through the Goose Bay airbase in Labrador on their way to the Middle East.

Nov. 15 — A poll of 11 cities outside the U.S. shows that majorities oppose unilateral force by the U.S. to drive Iraq out of Kuwait in all cities but Tel Aviv. A majority of people in Tokyo, Ankara (Turkey) and Lagos (Nigeria) also oppose multilateral UN action against Iraq.

Nov. 15 — Iraq offers to release hostages if the U.S. removes the threat of war. Hussein proposes a "deep dialogue... covering every issue towards comprehensive solution." The White House rejects the invitation.

Nov. 19 — A group of former U.S. military officers say invading Iraq will take three months, will kill 65 000 on all sides, wound another 230 000 and cost at least $50 billion. Air raids on Baghdad will kill or wound 100 000 civilians, they say. After the U.S. invaded Panama, a Pentagon study has said over one-third of the 338 U.S. military casualties were wounded or killed by friendly bullets or accidents. Independent observers said 4000 civilians were killed in U.S. bombing raids on Panama City.

Nov. 20 — Ottawa invites bids on a Defense Department contract for 800 body bags.

Nov. 22 — All federal government departments face two per cent spending cuts. The money goes to the Defense Department.

Nov. 29 — Inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency visiting Iraq's nuclear facilities find no evidence Baghdad is developing atomic weapons.

Dec. 20 — UN Security Council endorses efforts to protect Palestinians in occupied Palestine, denounces Israel for deporting Palestinians and backs setting up a Middle East peace conference.

Dec. 24 — *The Nation* quotes a former U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia who says if there is a war "every Arab country that backed us – even if their troops were not directly involved in offensive actions – would have revolutions... Only the Saudis, backed by U.S. troops, would maintain control. The ruling family couldn't afford to let us leave. There would be a long-term U.S. occupation, the people would turn against us, the army would turn against us."

Dec. 29 — The UN Security Council passes Resolution 678 allowing UN military force to remove Iraq from Kuwait after January 15.

Jan. 1 — Iraq has 730 000 troops deployed along the Saudi border, backed by 700 warplanes.

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Le Manifeste d'un salaud:

Il est si facile de démolir, si difficile de construire

Pierre Carabin

Manifeste d'un salaud, Roch Côté, 252 pages, éditions du Portique

Un mois après le premier anniversaire des événements de Poly, alors qu'on ne voudrait entendre qu'un silence respectueux des disparues, le *Manifeste d'un salaud* arrive comme un coup de poing sur la gueule.



Le *Manifeste* s'ouvre sur une critique des commentaires féministes radicaux en général et ceux ayant entouré les événements de Poly en particulier. Le livre *Polytechnique, 6 décembre* y est passé au crible, pour ne pas dire au « batte ». Cette partie, bien qu'intéressante par sa nouveauté—Enfin! Quelqu'un ose critiquer le féminisme radical qui met tous les hommes dans le même sac— finit rapidement par lasser le lecteur. Comme une litanie, les soixante premières pages du livre dénoncent les féministes. L'auteur s'y repète souvent. On a peine à suivre le fil de ses idées. A trop vouloir nous convaincre, il finit par nous lasser.

La suite est beaucoup plus intéressante. Roch Côté met d'abord le féminisme radical dans la perspective plus globale des idéologies révolutionnaires. Le féminisme, comme le marxisme, a ses dogmes et ses hérésies, ses compagnons de route. Il remet ensuite en cause l'idée voulant qu'il y ait accroissement de la violence dans notre société. Au contraire, prétend-il, notre société est moins violente que jamais, et c'est cette baisse de la violence qui la rend de plus en plus intolérable.

L'auteur poursuit en nous parlant des statistiques et de leur utilisation. Trop souvent, on cite des chiffres à tort et à travers, sans prendre la peine de nuancer ou de vérifier. Ainsi, lorsqu'on parle de 50 millions de personnes qui meurent de faim chaque année, Roch Côté rappelle qu'il y a en tout et pour tout, 50 millions de morts par année dans le monde. De même, il remet en cause le chiffre de deux millions de femmes battues au Canada en rappelant que ce chiffre englobe, selon la définition même du Conseil canadien du statut de la femme, les femmes dont « l'amoureux, mari, conjoint, ex-mari ou ex-amoureux s'est livré à des actes violents sur ses enfants, ses proches, ses amis », mais aussi sur « ses animaux familiers ou les biens auxquels elle tient ».

Dans la partie qui suit, intitulée « Les ravages du patriarcat », Roch Côté reprend la litanie de la dénonciation. Il y dénonce encore le féminisme radical, mais dans une perspective plus globale. Cette partie est suivie de brèves réflexions sur quelques thèmes jetés pêle-mêle et qui laissent songeur.

Dans un chapitre sur la censure, il s'oppose sans nuance à toute censure, car, pour lui, c'est donner la liberté de choisir aux censeurs et pas au peuple. Pour illustrer son propos, il cite l'affaire Zundel, cet auteur qui avait écrit un livre niant l'Holocauste. Pour Côté, la vérité est plus forte que le mensonge et on devrait laisser Zundel faire ce qu'il veut. Sans doute, mais doit-on permettre la propagande haineuse? Est-elle vraiment sans influence sur la population? Rien n'est moins sûr.

Dans un chapitre sur l'avortement, tout en défendant le libre choix, il remet en cause le slogan « Mon corps m'appartient », utilisé par les femmes pour l'avortement. Pour lui, il est clair que « nous prenons des libertés avec la vie ». Sans doute, mais voilà des arguments qui pourraient facilement être utilisés par la clan pro-vie.

Quelques autres idées laissent un goût amer. Au sujet de la maternité, le féminisme aurait « une attitude fermée et négative sur la question ». Au sujet de la langue, l'auteur s'oppose carrément à la féminisation et propose, peut-être ironiquement, l'absorption des « formes féminines (...) par celles du masculin. Une fois le féminin disparu, il n'y aura plus de raison de parler de masculin. »

Heureusement, le bouquin se termine par une évocation très touchante de l'enfance de l'auteur à Jonquière. Peut-être voulait-il montrer par là qu'il n'était finalement pas un salaud et qu'il savait aussi être tendre.

N'en reste pas moins qu'en voulant critiquer les excès du féminisme, Roch Côté a surtout péché par excès d'antiféminisme. Si sa dénonciation était nécessaire, elle aurait pu être faite de façon plus nuancée. Une lecture partielle de la littérature féministe apprendra au néophyte qu'elle n'est pas remplie que d'horreurs sur les hommes. Ce qui agace dans ce livre, en plus de son ton dénonciateur, c'est l'absence d'un point de vue masculin constructif. Après avoir bien critiqué les féministes, que vont faire les hommes? Malgré la dénonciation de Côté, les résultats du féminisme sont bien tangibles et d'autres sont à venir. Il faudra alors inventer une nouvelle façon d'être homme que notre pamphlétaire n'a même pas effleurée.

Las! Il est si facile de démolir, si difficile de construire!

Le code civil se rajeunit

Isabelle Martin

La société distincte a un code civil et sa réforme est en cours. Le ministre de la Justice, Gil Rémillard, vient de déposer un projet de loi visant à introduire un nouveau code civil adapté aux réalités de la vie moderne. Cette révision constitue une importante modification de forme et de fond.

Trente-cinq ans après que sa révision ait été entreprise, le code civil « version améliorée » a été présenté le 18 décembre dernier à l'Assemblée nationale. Trois mille cent quarante-quatre articles ont ainsi été reformulés, redéfinis et même parfois changés de façon à adapter le *Code civil du Bas-Canada*, adopté en 1866, à l'ère des avions et des téléscripteurs.

La forme du code a été changée, « l'écriture en est plus moderne et elle correspond mieux à ce que les gens peuvent comprendre. Ainsi, on multiplie les définitions, ce qui lui donne presque un aspect de dictionnaire. », selon un professeur de droit à l'Université de Montréal, François Héleine.

La révision du code civil est aussi une question de fond. On assiste à une tentative de protéger l'individu contre les compagnies, les corporations et les gouvernements. Dans cet esprit, par exemple, un médecin devra obtenir le consentement du patient avant de lui donner des soins, lorsque les circonstances le permettent.

De la même façon, un contrat auquel deux personnes auront consenti librement pourra être modifié par un juge de façon à rééquilibrer les obligations des parties. Auparavant le juge se contentait de n'être qu'un arbitre et n'avait que le pouvoir d'annuler un contrat.

Ces modifications auront pour résultat important d'augmenter le pouvoir des juges. Pour Me Héleine, « le rôle du juge dans la société s'accroît et devient partie prenante de la société. Le juge entre dans un système législatif qu'est un contrat entre deux parties un peu comme un juge qui entre dans la Chambre des Communes avec la Charte canadienne. »

La réforme du code civil s'est aussi attaquée aux réalités de notre époque qui n'existaient pas en 1866. Ainsi, les contrats de grossesse ont été interdits de même que les ventes d'organes.

L'adoption du code civil a été prévue pour 1993. Me Héleine a cependant des doutes sur cet échéancier. Selon lui, le gouvernement s'est dépêché depuis six mois pour déposer le nouveau code civil dans la foulée de l'après-Meech. Une fois déposé, son adoption peut bien tarder un peu. Des dix livres que contient le code civil, les quatres premiers risquent d'être adoptés rapidement alors que les autres vont traîner. Un code civil sur les tablettes pour une société distincte?



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Quand les parlementaires sont en vacances

Les jeunes prennent la relève

Les questions de la souveraineté et des frais de scolarité ont été abordées lors des travaux du Parlement Jeunesse du Québec (PJQ). Le PJQ organisait à la fin de décembre dernier, pour la 41e année consécutive, une simulation parlementaire destinée à initier les participants à l'arène politique.

Anick Goulet

Chaque année, plus de 80 jeunes siègent ainsi à l'Assemblée nationale, à Québec, pendant les quelque cinq jours qui séparent Noël du Jour de l'An. Du matin au soir, ils s'astreignent aux tâches des « vrais » parlementaires en débattant de projets de loi, de diverses motions, et en participant à des commissions, sans compter les caucus nocturnes.

Tout le processus de simulation cherche à respecter autant que possible la réalité, quoique les projets de loi présentés ainsi que les allocutions en chambre ne doivent contenir aucune référence directe aux politiciens de l'Assemblée nationale ou aux décisions qu'ils prennent. Deux observateurs de l'Assemblée surveillent d'ailleurs en permanence les discussions pendant toute la durée de la simulation.

Cette année, cinq projets de loi gouvernementaux, c'est-à-dire présentés par des ministres, et six projets de loi privés ont été discutés. On cherche, autant que possible, à faire des projets de loi qui sont potentiellement controversés afin de susciter la discussion nécessaire pour se familiariser avec le processus parlementaire. Selon l'un des doyens de l'organisme, Frédérick Seppey, le Parlement Jeunesse « crée l'opportunité pour un débat d'idées, prétexte à l'apprentissage de la démocratie. »

Projet d'impôt post-universitaire

Un projet de loi sur l'impôt post-universitaire a ramené pendant quelques heures l'attention des participants, pour la plupart étudiants, à des considérations qui les concerne plus directement, notamment le problème des frais de scolarité.

Le projet de loi, élaboré par Clemence Mayer, mais présenté en chambre par Frédérick Seppey, prévoyait d'abord le paiement immédiat des frais de scolarité, gelés à leur niveau actuel. Par l'introduction d'un impôt post-universitaire, les étudiants paieraient en totalité, une fois leurs études terminées, les coûts de leur éducation. On se rappelera que les étudiants ne paient présentement que 10 p.cent du coût réel de leurs études.

Les participants se sont mis d'accord pour une nécessaire réforme du système de paiement des frais de scolarité, en privilégiant la possibilité d'un impôt post-universitaire ressemblant en grande partie au modèle australien.

Cependant, la majorité des intervenants a critiqué le fait que le projet de loi oblige les étudiants à payer la totalité des coûts de leur éducation. Selon eux, la société, aussi bénéficiaire de l'éducation dispensée, devrait en partager ces coûts. On n'a toutefois pas eu le temps d'aborder la question de la contribution des entreprises.

Durant la discussion, une nette division est apparue entre les étudiants en sciences sociales et ceux en sciences. Les premiers suggéraient que, sans payer la totalité des coûts réels de formation, les étudiants devraient néanmoins en payer un pourcentage fixe.

Les étudiants en sciences ont pour leur part qualifié cette possibilité de « moyen sûr de tuer les sciences ! ». Le critique du projet de loi, Yves Gaboriault, étudiant à Polytechnique, croit qu'une réforme du système devrait considérer un éventail plus large de problèmes et des programmes sectoriels visant à aider la poursuite des études en sciences.

Lors du débat de principe, les quelque 30 intervenants n'ont mentionné la gratuité scolaire que dans un seul cas. La très grande majorité voulait ainsi une juste contribution, mais aussi le respect de la capacité financière des étudiants.

La forte tendance vers cette option où les étudiants sont appelés à contribuer au coût de leur éducation n'est pas nécessairement représentative de la génération étudiante puisque, selon Frédérick Seppey, la plupart des participants proviennent d'un milieu conservateur.



Le budget présenté lors de l'ouverture du Parlement a également considéré la question étudiante, bien qu'il n'ait aucun lien avec le projet de loi. Une mesure complémentaire mettait ainsi sur pied un plan d'investissement public. Le système de prêts et bourses serait aboli pour faire place exclusivement à des prêts attribués par le biais d'un fonds public auquel participeraient le gouvernement, le public de façon générale et les entreprises. Les prêts seraient ultérieurement remboursés par versements modulés à la fin des études.

Projet de loi sur la réforme du fédéralisme canadien

Les discussions politiques entourant l'avenir constitutionnel du Québec n'ont pas non plus épargné les jeunes parlementaires. En effet, un projet de loi intitulé « Réformer le Sénat : un projet de société juste et équitable » a été présenté par Jean Ouellet, l'un des cinq ministres du Parlement Jeunesse.

Fortement inspiré des idées de Jean Chrétien, le projet visait une réforme du fédéralisme canadien à travers le remaniement du Sénat. Sur 100 sénateurs, le Québec détiendrait 21 à 33 sièges, ce qui lui assurerait une place de choix à l'intérieur du giron constitutionnel.

Malgré les efforts de M. Ouellet pour promouvoir un *fédéralisme renouvelé* selon la formule bien connue, un large consensus s'est établi parmi les participants en faveur de la souveraineté. « Les intervenants n'ont pas seulement rejeté massivement le projet de loi, ils ont jugé non pertinente la seule tentative d'une réforme du fédéralisme, archaïque selon eux », a soutenu Frédérick Seppey.

Les débats sur la souveraineté se poursuivront plus directement au cours de l'année alors que les différents parlements régionaux seront appelés à réagir face à cette option constitutionnelle. Le processus devrait aboutir à une Commission au prochain parlement jeunesse national en décembre 1991 et, éventuellement, à l'adoption et à la sanction d'un projet de loi sur la souveraineté.

Les autres projets de loi

Les trois autres projets de loi gouvernementaux ont abordé la nécessité de respecter les promesses électorales, le problème des mères-porteuses, ainsi que la réforme du système de santé. Six projets de loi privés ont également été l'objet de discussion au cours de la courte session parlementaire, dont un projet visant à obliger les groupes religieux à obtenir une licence pour exister.

Cette année le PJQ regroupait 85 jeunes, dont 45 participants qui vivaient pour la première fois cette expérience parlementaire dans la Vieille capitale. Les critères de sélection étaient basés sur l'âge, le sexe (les femmes étaient avantagées par le barème de recrutement), le lieu de résidence pour favoriser la représentation régionale, ainsi que les expériences antérieures.

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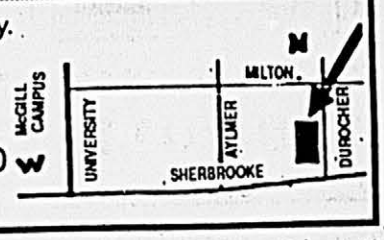
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WINTER 1991

SPORT	CATEGORY	COST	GAME DAYS & TIMES	LOCATION	LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS	MIN. NO. OF PLAYERS TO REGISTER	MAX. NO. OF PLAYERS	REGISTRATION	CAPTAIN'S MEETING
BASKETBALL	MEN A & B WOMEN	$55.00 per team	Mon 18:15 - 22:45 Sun 09:00 - 17:30	Currie Gym	Jan. 13	10	16	Jan. 2, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 17:00	Jan. 9, 18:15 Gymnasium 3
BASKETBALL 3 on 3	MEN WOMEN	$15.00 per team	April 4, 5, & 6	Currie Gym	Apr. 4	3	3	Mar. 18, 09.00 to Apr. 2, 17:00	Draw will be posted on April 3, 15:00 hrs Office G35
BALL HOCKEY	MEN	$65.00 per team	Tue 20:15 - 22:45 Sun 09:00 - 17:30	Currie Gym	Jan. 13	10	16	Jan. 2, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 17:00	Jan. 9, 18:15 Gymnasium 3
BOWLING	CO-REC	$20.00 per team	January 25	T.B.A.	Jan. 25	4	4	Jan. 14, 09:00 to Jan. 21, 17:00	Draw will be posted on January 22, 15:00 hrs Office G35
BROOMBALL	MEN, WOMEN, CO-REC	$85.00 per team	Sat. 09:00 - 17:30 Sun. 09:00 - 17:30 Tue. 17:00 - 22:00 Wed. 17:00 - 22:00 Thur. 17:00 - 22:00	Molson Stadium Rink	Jan. 12	10	16	Jan. 2, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 17:00	Jan. 9, 18:15 Gymnasium 3
INNERTUBE WATERPOLO	CO-REC	$65.00 per team	Sat. 10:15 - 14:00 Sun. 11:30 - 15:30	Currie Pool	Jan. 12	12	18	Jan. 2, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 17:00	Jan. 9, 18:15 Gymnasium 3
SOCCER (INDOOR)	MEN	$55.00 per team	Sat. 09:00 - 17:30	Currie Gym	Jan. 12	10	16	Jan. 2, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 17:00	Jan. 9, 18:15 Gymnasium 3
SOCCER (INDOOR)	CO-REC	$55.00 per team	Tue. 20:15 - 22:45 Wed. 20:15 - 22:45	Currie Gym	Jan. 15	10	16	Jan. 2, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 17:00	Jan. 9, 18:15 Gymnasium 3
SQUASH	MEN A & B WOMEN	$5.00 per player	Jan., 24, 25, 26 & 27	Currie Gym Squash Cts.	Jan. 24	1	N/A	Jan. 14, 09:00 to Jan. 21, 17:00	Draw will be posted on January 23, 15:00 Office G35
TABLE TENNIS	MEN WOMEN	$5.00 per player	February 1, 2 & 3	Fitness Room	Feb. 1	1	N/A	Jan. 14, 09:00 to Jan. 28, 17:00	Draw will be posted on January 30, 15:00 hrs. Office G35
VOLLEYBALL	MEN WOMEN	$55.00 per team	Mon. 20:00 - 22:45 Tue. 20:00 - 22:45 Thur. 20:00 - 22:45	Currie Gym	Jan. 15	9	16	Jan. 2, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 17:00	Jan. 9, 18:15 Gymnasium 3
VOLLEYBALL	CO-REC	$55.00 per team	Thur. 20:00 - 22:45 Fri. 17:15 - 22:00 Sat. 09:00 - 12:00	Currie Gym	Jan. 17	9	16	Jan. 2, 09:00 to Jan. 9, 19:00	Jan. 9, 19:15 C.O.T.C. Lounge

Registration: Campus Recreation Office
Currie Gym, 475 Pine Avenue West

- In many sports space is limited - registration is on a first come, first served basis.
- Please note that registration deadlines are strictly adhered to.
- A representative from each team must attend the captains' meeting for that sport.

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